



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Aiken School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 24,758

Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt

Board Chair: Ms. Rosemary B. English

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Average	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
11	6	5	0	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PASS					
PASS	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	73.9%	71.1%	67.0%	68.0%	73.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.8%	75.2%	72.5%	74.6%	73.8%
Average District	74.9%	74.3%	72.1%	74.8%	74.0%

PASS	2012 Reading	2012 Math	2012 Science	2012 Social Studies	2012 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	40.1%	29.3%	18.5%	24.1%	33.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	43.0%	36.1%	23.9%	32.8%	36.1%
Average District	42.7%	36.3%	24.8%	34.6%	37.3%

HSAP			
HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	81.4%	10.9%	7.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.7%	11.9%	7.7%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2012 (%)	
District	92.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.1%

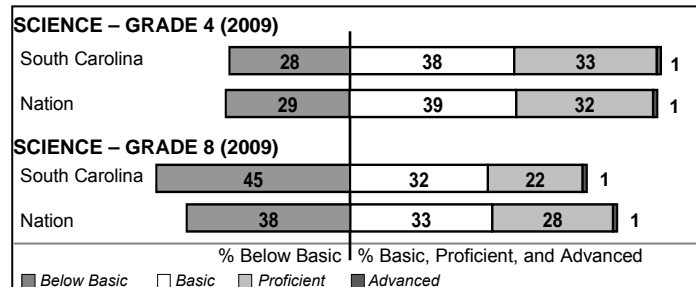
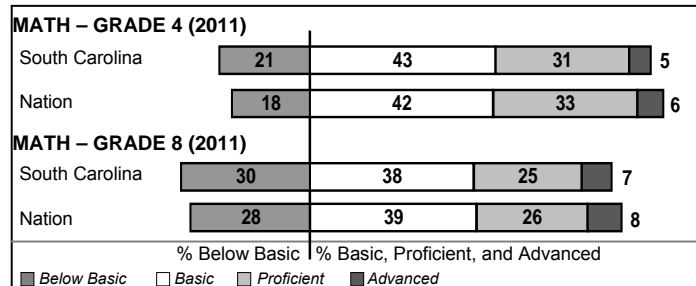
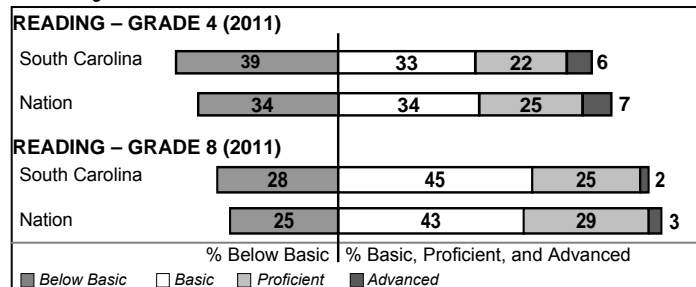
End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)	
District	73.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	73.0%

On-Time Graduation Rate (%)	
District	75.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.3%

** Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=24,758)				
Retention rate	2.0%	Down from 2.3%	1.8%	2.0%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.9%	96.2%	96.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.2%	0.6%	0.6%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	25.7%	Down from 32.0%	16.9%	13.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	49.4%	49.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	35.6%	Down from 38.0%	32.8%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	202	Down from 254	63	59
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	109	Down from 127	43	31
Annual dropout rate	3.8%	Down from 4.5%	2.5%	2.7%
Teachers (n=1,584)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Up from 55.7%	62.9%	62.4%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	91.4%	Down from 91.8%	92.1%	91.1%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.6%	95.3%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,927	Up 0.9%	\$47,927	\$46,595
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.6%	Up from 2.7%	1.8%	2.1%
Professional development days/teacher	12.4 days	Up from 12.2 days	12.8 days	12.4 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.5 to 1	Up from 23.2 to 1	22.7 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Up from 89.0%	90.0%	89.9%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,725	Up 2.5%	\$8,689	\$8,866
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.7%	Down from 58.8%	54.4%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.4%	Down from 61.9%	57.2%	55.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Poor	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	40	No Change	14	9
Portable classrooms	8.7%	Down from 9.5%	1.7%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	37.0	Down from 38.0	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 98.1%	99.0%	99.5%
Average administrator salary	\$75,981	Up 0.0%	\$79,028	\$77,744
Number of charter schools	3	No Change	0	0
ESEA composite index score	86.6	N/A	88.0	85.6

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	I/S	N/A	N/A

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
Lloyd Kennedy Charter School (LKCS)	Below Average	Below Average	F
Midland Valley Preparatory School(ELEM.)	Average	Average	B
Midland Valley Preparatory School(MIDDLE)	Below Average	Average	B
Aiken Performing Arts Academy (APAA)	Good	Excellent	

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Aiken County is South Carolina's fifth largest public school district educating a diverse population of nearly 25,000 students in 20 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, 7 high schools, 3 charter schools, a career and technology center, and an adult education program. Our primary focus is to enable all students to become productive members of society, empowered with the knowledge and ability necessary to compete and contribute in a global society by providing challenging and rewarding academic and extra-curricular experiences. In 2011-2012 our schools continued the tradition of excellence by doubling the previous year's Palmetto Gold or Silver awards with twenty-eight schools being acclaimed for academic achievement. Four of those schools were also recognized for closing the achievement gap. Two elementary schools were named to the Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence Honor Roll. One school, Hammond Hill Elementary, is a finalist for the 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools award.

Aiken County students taking SAT and ACT national assessments continued to perform above the state average. Our graduates again set a district record in 2012 by earning over \$41.3 million in scholarships, including two National Merit Scholarships. An Aiken High School student was named one of two Presidential Scholars from South Carolina.

We attribute our enduring success to our emphasis on reading achievement, our early focus on Common Core State Standards, our collaborative approach to curriculum alignment, and school restructuring based on Making Middle Grades Work and High Schools That Work. The District also continues to emphasize reading success with intervention services in all elementary schools focusing individual and small group intervention on struggling readers. In addition, working closely with our local colleges, we are preparing students for post high school success by increasing the number in dual-enrollment and concurrent enrollment classes. Partnerships with local colleges also included continued education courses for teachers, an expanded algebra I and II alignment project, and an elementary fractions institute.

Extracurricular and supplemental programs such as the FFA, Culinary Arts, FBLA, and Career and Technology Education (CATE) programs received numerous state and national awards and recognition. Students were honored for state and national citizenship, artistic endeavors, and athletic accomplishments. Our JROTC programs were recognized as state and national winners in drill, rifle, cyber defense, orienteering, and academic competitions. Schools and teachers regularly receive grants and awards for science, math, arts, literacy, social studies, and healthy living programs.

As superintendent of Aiken County Public Schools, I am afforded the distinct opportunity to work alongside highly motivated, qualified faculty and staff. With the shared vision of academic success, our communities and the Aiken County Public School District will surpass goals and set the achievement bar even higher during the 2012-13 school year.

Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent

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